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Digital portfolio for this position: kamenko.com/senate-saa-photographer504/

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Hiring Committee

U.S. Senate Sergeant at Arms

Re: Photographer - Support Operations (Posting Date Range: 6/9/2026-6/23/2026)

Dear Hiring Committee,

I'm applying for the Photographer position with the U.S. Senate Sergeant at Arms, posted June 9. I'm a Washington photographer and photo editor with more than 30 years behind me, shooting official portraits, executive events, and short-form video, and editing the results to delivery standard.

I've been a member of the Senate Press Photographers Gallery since 1999, so the Hill isn't new to me. I know the access protocols, I know how much discretion the work takes, and I know how fast a schedule falls apart. I've shot hearings, press conferences, formal meetings, and ceremonies where staying calm and reading the room matters as much as knowing the camera.

Most of what this job asks for is work I do already. I plan and shoot assignments, direct people for portraits, edit and caption, and hand off finished files with the color, density, and contrast right and the IDs correct. My retouching and composite work is clean enough for formal portraits of officials.

On workflow: I ingest and cull in Photo Mechanic, write AP-style captions, apply IPTC metadata, and batch-process a large take on Windows or Mac. Editing happens in Photoshop, Lightroom, and Bridge. For video I shoot interviews, b-roll, and event coverage with mirrorless bodies and real field audio (lavaliers, a shotgun mic, a recorder), then cut in Adobe and DaVinci Resolve.

The role is onsite, and it doesn't stop for nights, weekends, holidays, or weather. I'm ready for that, and for the carrying and the long hours that come with it. As a U.S. citizen I can clear the required background investigation.

My portfolio for this position is at kamenko.com/senate-saa-photographer504/, and a video reel is included with these materials. I'd welcome the chance to talk about how I can help Senate Photographic Services.

Sincerely,

Kamenko Pajic